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Challenges Faced by Skill Development Programme
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the skill development programs in the country are facing enormous challenges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether participation, infrastructure, awareness and implementation are the major challenges;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is focusing on inculcating and advancing the skill sets of the young population of the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) to (f) Yes Madam, Ministry had faced some challenges during the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2015-16. To overcome or remove those challenges Ministry has modified the scheme to make it more effective, transparent and beneficiary oriented. PMKVY 2.0 aims to train one crore youth for the period of 2016-2020 with a total outlay of Rs 12,000 crores. Under PMKVY, short term trainings as well as Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for enhancement of skills are provided to prospective youths of the country. The objective of this Scheme is to encourage and promote Skill Development for the youth throughout the country, by aligning itself with the Common Norms guidelines.

The salient features of the modified PMKVY (2016-20) includes NSQF based quality assurance framework, alignment with common norms, market relevant training programmes, recognition of prior learning, curriculum alignment, national certification, employable skills, placements etc. Under the modified scheme, the focus on employment has been significantly enhanced. Scheme incentivizes Training Centers (TCs)/ Training Partners (TPs) for facilitating placement of the trained candidates. TCs are mandated to organize placement/rozgar melas every six month with the support of Sector Skill Council. Various IT interventions such as Direct Benefit Transfer, Aadhaar linkage of trainers and trainees, Biometric attendance of candidate, SMART portal based Accreditation & Affiliation of TCs etc have been ensured. Additionally, there is a special provision in the scheme to provide post placement support to women, PwDs and candidates from special areas (LWE, North East region and J&K).